

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS**

**Call to Order:** Chairman Jon C. Sesso, on February 18, 2009 at  
3:00 P.M., in Room 102 Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Jon C. Sesso, Chairman (D)  
Rep. Duane Ankney (R)  
Rep. Dennis Getz (D)  
Rep. Bill E. Glaser (R)  
Rep. Ray Hawk (R)  
Rep. Cynthia Hiner (D)  
Rep. Roy Hollandsworth (R)  
Rep. Galen Hollenbaugh (D)  
Rep. Bill McChesney (D)  
Rep. Walter McNutt (R)  
Rep. Robert Mehlhoff (D)  
Rep. Penny Morgan (R)  
Rep. Bill Nooney (R)  
Rep. Carolyn Pease-Lopez (D)  
Rep. Don Roberts (R)  
Rep. Cheryl Steenson (D)  
Rep. Dan Villa (D)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Teresa K. Henry (D), Rep. Llew Jones (R)  
Rep. Dave Kasten (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Jon Moe, Legislative Branch  
Samuel Speerschneider, Committee Secretary

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 440, 2/13/2009

Executive Action: HB 166, HB 268

00:01:33 Chairman Sesso

00:01:57 Rep. Glaser

00:02:07 Chairman Sesso

**HEARING ON HB 440**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:03:03 Rep. Scott Mendenhall (R), HD 77, opened the hearing on  
HB 440, Small business consideration act.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:07:02 Jon Bennion, Montana Chamber of Commerce

00:10:10 Riley Johnson, National Federation of Independent  
Business

00:12:06 Chuck Denough, Flathead Business Association

00:13:04 Jason Todhunter, Montana Logging Association

00:14:42 Nancy Schlepp, Montana Farm Bureau Federation

00:15:12 Gary Amestoy, Richland County Economic Development  
Corporation

00:16:36 Steve Yeakel, Key Decisions

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:18:28 Rep. Nooney

00:18:54 Rep. Mendenhall

00:19:02 Rep. Nooney

00:19:29 Rep. Mendenhall

00:20:06 Rep. Getz

00:20:19 Rep. Mendenhall

00:20:36 Rep. Villa

00:21:07 Rep. Mendenhall

00:21:23 Rep. Villa

00:21:46 Rep. Mendenhall

00:23:08 Rep. Villa

00:23:36 Rep. Mendenhall

00:23:58 Rep. Villa

00:24:59 Rep. Mendenhall

00:25:10 Rep. Villa  
00:25:36 Rep. Mendenhall  
00:26:12 Rep. Glaser  
00:26:33 Jon Moe, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)  
00:27:02 Rep. Glaser  
00:27:40 Chairman Sesso  
00:30:27 Rep. Mendenhall  
00:32:31 Chairman Sesso  
00:33:46 Rep. Mendenhall  
00:35:13 Rep. Hollandsworth  
00:35:39 Rep. Mendenhall  
00:35:56 Rep. Mehlhoff  
00:36:43 Rep. Mendenhall

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:38:47 Rep. Mendenhall

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 194**

00:41:59 **Motion:** Rep. Villa moved that **HB 194 DO PASS.**

00:42:17 **Motion:** Rep. Villa moved that **HB 194 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT**(aph38a01)

**Discussion:**

00:42:32 Chairman Sesso

00:42:49 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Henry voted by proxy.

00:43:03 **Motion:** Rep. Villa moved that **HB 194 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

00:43:15 Chairman Sesso

00:43:53 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Jones, Rep. Kasten and Rep. Henry voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 268**

00:44:34 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Morgan moved that **HB 268 DO PASS.**  
Motion failed 10-10 by roll call vote with Rep. Ankney,  
Rep. Glaser, Rep. Hawk, Rep. Hollandsworth, Rep. Jones,  
Rep. Kasten, Rep. McNutt, Rep. Morgan, Rep. Nooney, and  
Rep. Roberts voting aye. Rep. Henry, Rep. Kasten and  
Rep. Jones voted by proxy.

**ADJOURNMENT**

00:46:42 Adjournment: 3:45 P.M.

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Samuel Speerschneider, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT ([aph38aad.pdf](#))**